Parents Club Activities

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Summer Fun

Fill in the blanks to create your story about a typical summer day at home with friends.

(Your name) and (best friend) asked their moms if they would go on a bike ride with them. Their moms said yes, and added, "Lets ride to the ice cream stand." "And we could bring our Cabbage Patch Kids (name of your Kid) and (name of your friend's Kid) in the basket of the bike!" suggested (Best Friend).

So they were off. (Best Friend) and (Kid's Name) were on a (favorite color) bike, and (Kid Name) and (name of your friend's kid) were safely seated in the baskets. The moms followed behind on their (color) and (another color) bikes. While they were riding through the park, they saw a cute (animal name) beside them. He was very friendly and even padded along beside the bikes for a while. Then (Best Friend) said, "I'm getting very (add word). I wish we were already at the ice cream stand." And (Your Name) replied, "Your wish is granted. Look ahead, to the right, there it is!"

So they parked the bikes beside a (thing/place). There were (number) people in line ahead of them, but finally it was their turn. (Your Name) ordered (favorite ice cream flavor), and shared it with (Kid name), while (Best Friend) and (Kid Name) chose (another ice cream flavor). After finishing, everyone pedaled back home with bellies full of ice cream.

The End.

Summer Safety

Summer's here, so go outside, have fun and remember what mom always says: Stay safe! Here's how to stay safe when you are swimming:

- Never swim during a storm or when there is lightning.
- Never swim alone. Always use the buddy system.
- Know how deep the water is.
- Swim only in safe, guarded areas.
- Don't dive or jump into water that is not at least 12 feet deep.
- Don't run around pools, or push other people.
- Don't chew gum or eat food while swimming.
- Be extra careful in the ocean - waves can knock you down.
- Rivers are very dangerous for swimming. It is best to stay out of them.

Did You Know???

- Each and every Cabbage Patch Kid is "One of a Kind" and that there are no two Kids alike. Each one has his or her own special look, personality, name, and birthday.
- Cabbage Patch Kids love new clothes and there are lots of new, fun fashions for you to dress them in.
- You can take your Cabbage Patch Kids everywhere with their new "On The Go" Travel Set, complete with Travel Carrier, Diaper Bag, Extra Diapers, and a Milk Bottle.
- The Baby Stork is delivering the new Cabbage Patch Kids Babies this Fall.

Comming this FALL!

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Time for a Treasure Hunt

When the sun comes out and weather is warm, it's the perfect time for an outdoor treasure hunt. So gather your friends and grab your Cabbage Patch Kids! You and your Cabbage Patch Kid could play against your friends and their Kids, searching around to find the hidden prize. Here's how to plan your treasure hunt. Each team follows the clues and goes to the location that the clue tells them to. Each clue leads to the location of the next clue. Whichever team finds the treasure first wins – and keeps the treasure. Be creative in choosing your treasure. It could be a coloring book and crayons, a plate of cookies or a dollar.

Little Kids (2, 3, & 4)

Parents, hide clues -- brightly colored paper that is easy to spot with simple drawings on them. Each clue leads to the location of the next clue. For example, put a picture of a tree on the table. The next clue should be placed under the tree. Perhaps it is a picture of a sliding board. The next clue would be on the sliding board, and so on. The final clue leads to the treasure!

Bigger Kids (5 & 6)

Since bigger Kids are learning to read, they can play the same game, only make it a little harder. Instead of drawing pictures for clues, write out words. For example, write the word "tree" on the piece of paper and put it on the table (the starting point for the treasure hunt) The next clue should be placed under the tree. Perhaps it says swing. The next clue would be on the swing, and so on. The final clue leads to the treasure!

Big Kids (7 & above)

Big Kids are really smart, so the clues are words that have to be unscrambled. For example, at the starting point, the clue says, "E E R T". The Kids must unscramble the word – T R E E – and then go there to find the next clue, which is another scrambled word. The final clue leads to the treasure!.

Another way to play treasure hunt is to make your own treasure map, then have friends follow it. This is a good idea for when you can plan the treasure hunt for the following day and make your map the night before. But treasure maps always look old. Did you know that in a short time, you can make your treasure map look 100 years old? Cool!

Here's what you Need:

white paper · colored pencils or crayons · cooking oil · paper towel · used tea bag

Here's How:

1. On a piece of paper draw your map. Draw directions for the treasure hunter to follow and include landmarks - like the big oak tree with the swing on it, the sandbox under the play set or the whicker chair on the porch. Make your starting point easy to find, and hide the treasure somewhere it won't be disturbed until the treasure hunters find it.
2. When you are finished with the directions, tear the outer edges off the paper.
3. Next wipe the wet tea bag over both sides of the page. The page will turn light brown. Keep rubbing until both sides of the paper are wet.
4. Next, crumple it into a ball and let it dry overnight.
5. Open the map and wipe both sides with a small amount of cooking oil. Blot off the excess with paper towels.

Your treasure map should look 100 years old !

Summer Word Search

B	I	C	E	C	R	E	A	M	H
U	B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L	O
T	I	O	W	U	P	U	D	D	P
T	C	L	I	C	N	H	O	H	S
E	E	P	M	H	O	N	T	O	H
R	A	A	S	W	P	I	Y	M	O
F	P	U	D	D	L	E	S	P	R
L	R	S	W	I	M	S	U	I	T
Y	V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N	S
D	A	N	N	M	A	R	B	A	E

Word List

Butterfly · Puddles · Swimsuit · Baseball
Sunny · Hot · Ice Cream · Vacation
Swim · Shorts